IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing images to a user, comprising:

in response to a user request to display for one or more images on a user color display device, determining available user color display device characterization data for the user color display device; and

causing a version of the one ore or more images having color characteristics appropriate to determined user color display device characterization data for the user color display device to be provided to the user.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising after determining that user color display device characterization data for the user color display device is available:

displaying to the user a first icon on the display device.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising after determining that user color display device characterization data for the user color display device is not available:

displaying to the user a second icon on the display device.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein causing the one or more images to be provided to the user comprises:

color correcting the one or more images on-the-fly.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein color correcting the images comprises:

selecting a group of one or more images from one or more groups of pre-transformed images.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 or claim 5, wherein color correcting the one or more images comprises:

color correcting the one or more images in accordance with the ~~display device~~ characterization data ~~of the user~~ for the user color display device.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 or claim 5, wherein color correcting the one or more images comprises:

color correcting the one or more images in accordance with a predetermined set of display device color characterization parameters.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is a person or the user is a client computer connected to a computer network including an Internet, and intranet, or a local area network.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein:

the user is a client computer connected to a computer network; and the method further comprises

receiving the user request at a server computer connected to the computer network.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~determing~~ determining ~~user~~ characterization data for the user color display device comprises:

providing information from the client to the server to determine ~~user color display~~ ~~device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u>.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the information provided from the client to the server is a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the cookie contains information to enable the server to identify the user.

13.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the cookie contains the ~~user color display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u>.

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

retrieving from a database the ~~user color display device~~ characterization data <u>for</u> <u>the user color display device</u> in accordance with the user identification.

15.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing images to a user, comprising:

a data provider for determining available user color display device characterization data in response to a user request <u>to display</u> ~~for~~ one or more images <u>on a user color display device</u>; and

an image provider for causing <u>a version of the</u> one or more images having color characteristics appropriate to determined ~~user color display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u> to be provided to the user.

16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

and image provider for displaying a first icon to the user if ~~user color display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u> is available.

17.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for displaying a second icon to the user if ~~user color display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u> is not available.

18.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for color correcting the one or more images on-the-fly.

19.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for color correcting the one or more images in accordance with the ~~color display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u> ~~of the user~~.

20.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for selecting a group of one or more images from one or more groups of pre-transformed images.

21.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for selecting the one or more images in accordance with the ~~color display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u> ~~of the user~~.

22.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for color correcting the one or more images in accordance with a predetermined set of color display device characterization parameters.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the image provider comprises:

an image provider for selecting the one or more images in accordance with a predetermined set of color display device characterization parameters.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the user is a person or the user is a client computer connected to a computer network including an Internet, an intranet, or a local area network.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 24, wherein:

the user is a client computer connected to a computer network; and

the image provider comprises a server computer connected to the computer network.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the server includes the data provider.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the server comprises:

a server for receiving information from the client to determine ~~user color display device~~ characterization data for the user color display device.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the server comprises:

a server for retrieving a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the server comprises:

a server for retrieving a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client, the cookie containing information to enable the server to identify the user.

30.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the server comprises:

a server for retrieving a cookie previously dropped by the server on the client, the

cookie containing the ~~user color~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u>.

31.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, further comprising:

a database connected to the computer network for providing the ~~user color~~

~~display device~~ characterization data <u>for the user color display device</u> to the server in

accordance with the user identification.

32.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the server includes ~~the~~<u>a</u>

database.